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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/605,414	LEE ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Polin Chieu	2615	

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**Period for Reply**

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**Status**

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**.                                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 11-25 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,8 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 2-7 and 10 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All    b) Some \*    c) None of:
  1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>5</u> .	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____.

## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 and 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dunlap et al (5,124,807).

Regarding claim 1 Dunlap discloses an automatic gain controller equalizing a level of a frequency modulated video signal (112, fig. 6), the frequency modulated video signal having luminance and color components, the frequency modulated video signal being recorded on a recording medium; a limiter preventing a level or luminance components of the frequency modulated signal output from the automatic gain controller from exceeding a predetermined value (124); a recording equalizer equalizing an output of the limiter in accordance with the characteristics of the recording medium (126); a color low pass filter filtering and transmitting the color component of the frequency modulated video signal output from the automatic gain controller (130); and a mixer combining the luminance component output from the recording equalizer with the color component output from the color low pass filter (134).

Regarding claim 8, Dunlap et al discloses a color low pass filter separating and transmitting the color component of the frequency modulated signal output from the automatic gain controller (130).

Regarding claim 9, Dunlap et al discloses that the automatic gain controller instantaneously raises a gain of the inputted frequency modulated video signal when the inputted frequency modulated video signal is approved (col. 10, lines 1-43).

***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 2-7 and 10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
4. Claims 11-21 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Dunlap et al discloses an automatic gain controller, drop out detector, limiter, recording equalizer, color low pass filter, and a mixer. Choi discloses a playback equalizer. However, the prior art does not disclose a switch removing the limiter and recording equalizer when the drop out detector detects a presence of the signal drop out in the frequency modulated signal.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Choi, Kurisaki et al, Shibata et al, Honda et al, Jung, Sakamoto, and Lee et al disclose various video recording devices.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Polin Chieu whose telephone number is (703) 308-6070. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 8:00 AM-6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew B. Christensen can be reached on (703) 308-9644. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9314 for regular communications and (703) 872-9314 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.



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